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SUBJ: 1976 TRADE FIGURES RELEASED

(1) SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL DATA RELEASED
RECENTLY BY THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS (CBS),
INDONESIA ENJOYED A FAVORABLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$2.8
BILLION LAST YEAR. TOTAL EXPORTS REACHED \$8.5 BILLION,
A 20 0/0 INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WHILE IMPORTS
WERE SAID TO CLIMB 190/0 TO \$5.7 BILLION. SEPTEL WILL
COMMENT ON IMPORT STATISTICS.

(2) EXPORTS (IN \$MILLION)

	1975	1976	0/0 CHANGE
CRUDE OIL	5311	6004	#13.0
TIMBER	502	784	#56.2
RUBBER	361	532	#47.4
COFFEE	100	237	#137.0
TIN	93	159	#11.0
PALM OIL	152	135	-11.2
SHRIMP	78	115	#47.4
COPPER	10	86	#760.0
ANIMAL FEED	43.5	70	#60.9
TEA	52	57	#9.6

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PEPPER	23	46	#100.0
TOBACCO	35.9	39.0	#10.0
NICKEL	21	29	#38.1
HIDES&SKINS	9.5	18.6	#95.8
SPICES (EX PEPPER)	8.7	15.8	#81.6
ESSENTIAL OILS	9.6	12.3	#28.1
OTHER	292.8	206.8	-29.4

TOTAL 7103 8547 #20.3

(3) OIL EXPORTS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE THE GREAT BULK OF INDONESIA'S EXPORT REVENUES, ALTHOUGH THAT SECTOR'S 70 0/0 OF TOTAL EXPORT EARNINGS WAS NEARLY 5 0/0 LESS THAN IN 1975. THIS WAS BECAUSE OIL EXPORTS GREW AT " ONLY" 13 0/0 WHILE SALES ABROAD OF TIMBER (56 0/0); RUBBER (48 0/0); COFFEE (137 0/0); SHRIMP (114 0/0); AND TIN (71 0/0) ROSE MUCH MORE RAPIDLY. THE INCREASE FOR TIN WAS DUE ALMOST ENTIRELY TO INCREASED OUTPUT; FOR COFFEE AND RUBBER MOSTLY BEACUSE OF INCREASES IN THE WORLD PRICE; AND FOR TIMBER AND SHRIMP BECAUSE OF A COMBINATION OF THE TWO. PALM OIL WAS THE ONLY MAJOR INDONESIAN EXPORT TO DECLINE IN COMPARISON WITH 1975. A 5 0/0 INCREASE IN QUANTITY SHIPPED WAS INSUFFICIENT TO OFFSET A PRICE DECLINE AND EARNINGS FELL BY 11 0/0.

4. ACCORDING TO THE DATA JAPAN CONTINUED TO BE INDONESIA'S LEADING CUSTOMER, TAKING \$3,565 MILLION (42 0/0) OF THE COUNTRY'S EXPORTS. JAPAN'S SHARE IS DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM 44 0/0 THE PREVIOUS YEAR. CONTINUING IN SECOND PLACE IS THE U.S. WHICH TOOK \$2,452 MILLION (29 0/0) IN INDONESIA 'S EXPORTS . (COMMENT : IF THE \$556 MILLION IN EXPORTS TO TRINIDAD, WHICH PRESUMABLY IS CRUDE PETROLEUM REFINED IN THAT COUNTRY FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO THE U.S. IS ADDED TO U.S. IMPORTS, THE U.S. FIGURE REACHES \$3,008 MILLION, OR 35 0/0 OF TOTAL EXPORTS, VERY CLOSE TO THE USDOC FIGURE FOR US IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA). EXPORTS TO THE U.S. GREW BY ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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30 0/0 IN 1976, RELECTING GREATER U.S. OIL PURCHASES FROM INDONESIA. INDONESIA'S THIRD BEST CUSTOMER IS ASEAN. HOWEVER, SINCE 85 0/0 OF EXPORTS TO ASEAN ARE TAKEN BY SINGAPORE, FROM WHICH THERE IS MUCH TRANS-SHIPMENT, THAT FIGURE MAY WELL BE MISLEADING. EXPORTS TO ASEAN IN 1976 (\$754 MILLION OR 9 0/0) WERE VIRTUALLY STATIC. INDONESIA'S OTHERMAJOR CUSTOMER, THE EEC, BOUGHT \$617 MILLION (7 0/0) WORTH OF GOODS, A 52 0/0 INCRREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE NETHERLANDS AND IRG WERE BY FOR INDONESIA 'S BEST TWO EEC CUSTOMRES. INDONESIA'S FOUR MAJOR CUSTOMERS, JAPAN, THE U.S., SINGAPORE AND THE EEC, TOOK OVER 90 0/0 OF ITS EXPORTS IN 1976.

(5) IMPORTS (\$ MILLION)

SITC	1975	1976	0/0 CHANGE
0 FOOD & ANIMALS	577.0	783.2	#35.7
1 BEV.& TOBACCO	15.2	19.6	#28.9
2 CRUDE MATERIAL	162.0	197.8	#22.1

3 FUELS, LUBRICANTS	256.8	440.4	#71.5
4 VEGETABLES & FATS	2.7	3.6	#33.3
5 CHEMICALS	807.7	541.7	-49.1
6 MANU.GOODS	1074.5	1221.4	#13.7
7 MACH & TRANSPORT GOODS	1772.9	2308.7	#30.2
8#9 OTHER	101.0	156.3	#54.7
TOTAL	4769.8	5673.1	#18.9

(6) EMBASSY BELIEVES A FIGURE OF \$5.8 BILLION CONSIDERABLY UNDERSTATES ACTUAL 1976 INDONESIAN IMPORTS (SEPTTEL). HOWEVER, TAKING THE CBS STATISTICS AT THEIR FACE VALUE, JAPAN CONTINUES TO BE INDONESIA'S LEADING SUPPLIER, WITH SALES LAST YEAR OF \$1485 MILLION (UP 0.54 0/0 AND 26 0/0 OF THE MARKET). NEXT COMES THE EEC, \$1204 MILLION (UP 36 0/0, 21 0/0 OF MARKET); THE U.S., \$988 MILLION (UP 47 0/0, 17 0/0 OF MARKET); ASEAN, \$794 MILLION, OF WHICH \$550 MILLION COMES FROM SINGAPORE, (UP 93 0/0, 14 0/0 OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MARKET); TAIWAN, \$207 MILLION (UP 67 0/0, 4 0/0 OF MARKET); AND AUSTRALIA, \$190 MILLION (UP 20 0/0, 3 0/0 OF MARKET). INTERESTINGLY, THE CBS FIGURE FOR IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. (\$988 MILLION) IS RELATIVELY CLOSE TO THE USDOC FIGURE (\$1035 MILLION).

(7) THE LARGEST SINGLE INCREASE IN 1976 IMPORTS WAS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WHICH JUMPED FROM \$77.3 MILLION IN 1975 TO \$326.3 MILLION LAST YEAR. IMPORTS OF POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT INCREASED FROM \$125.3 MILLION TO \$230.6 MILLION, AND SPECIALIZED MACHINERY FROM \$141.0 MILLION TO \$251.9 MILLION. MAJOR INCREASES IN THE IMPORT OF MANUFACTURED GOODS OCCURRED IN TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (FROM \$88.1 TO \$136.5 MILLION); PLATE & SHEET IRON & STEEL (FROM \$92.6 TO \$134.0 MILLION); AND PAPER AND PAPER BOARD (FROM \$51.8 TO \$96.2 MILLION). IMPORTS OF FUELS AND LUBRICANTS INCREASED \$184 MILLION, DUE ENTIRELY TO GREATER IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. IMPORTS OF RICE INCREASED BY \$124 MILLION TO \$450 MILLION AND OF SUGAR \$75 MILLION TO \$108 MILLION. THE ONLY DECLINE, IN CHEMICALS, WAS DUE TO THE SHARP DROP IN IMPORT OF FERTILIZER, FROM \$403.1 MILLION IN 1975 TO \$24.1 MILLION IN 1976, AS NEW DOMESTIC FERTILIZER PLANTS CAME ON STREAM.

(8) AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
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